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TO AMEMBASSY KATHMANDU IMMEDIATE

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FOR KUX FROM NEA/INS, BROWN, TELLEEN

E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: CASC, OGEN, NP

SUBJECT: PERMIT TO CLIMB MT. EVEREST - REVEREND FORD

REF: KATHMANDU 575

1. FORD HAS STILL NOT CONTACTED THIS OFFICE, NOR HAVE WE BEEN ABLE TO REACH HIM AT ALASKA NUMBER. BY PROCEEDING VIA REPRESENTATIVE IN KATHMANDU AND DIRECT CABLES TO HMG, FORD HAS FOCUSED ACTION THERE, AND HAS NOT REQUESTED USG ASSISTANCE SINCE RECEIVING NON-EXCLUSIVE ENDORSEMENT.

2. DECISION NOW IS ENTIRELY UP TO GON WHETHER TO GRANT OR DENY A PERMIT ACCORDING TO ITS OWN CRITERIA AND BEST JUDGEMENT. JANUARY DEADLINE HAVING PASSED, DEPARTMENT AND NEPALESE EMBASSY HAVE BEEN DAILY EXPECTING WORD OF DECISION FROM KATHMANDU. FROM WHAT WE HAVE BEEN TOLD, WE WOULD EXPECT GON TO DENY PERMIT ON GROUNDS OF NON-FULFILLMENT OF CONDITION THAT IT BE "EXPEDITION OF GENERAL TYPE", BUT PERHAPS GON HAS RECEIVED SOME FURTHER MESSAGE FROM FORD WHICH MIGHT SATISFY THEM ON THAT SCORE.

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3. BECAUSE OF PROCEDURAL UNIQUENESS OF THIS CASE, WHERE

FORD CHOSE TO DEAL DIRECT IN KATHMANDU, WE WOULD PREFER

THAT GON CABLE ITS DECISION DIRECT TO FORD, AS IT DID  
THE EARLIER CONDITIONAL APPROVAL. WE WOULD OF COURSE BE  
WILLING TO ATTEMPT TO PASS DUPLICATE MESSAGE BY PHONE  
AS BACKUP, BUT NOTE LACK OF SUCCESS SO FAR WITH THAT  
MODE. KISSINGER

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